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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS COVERAGE OF UNCLOS

1. TURKISH PRESS REPORTING ON THE 7TH UN LOS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN MINIMAL. IN THE SOLE TURKISH REPORT OF THE WEEK, OPPOSITION TERCUMAN, AUGUST 21, REPORTED THE ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK OF THE TURKISH DELEGATION, HEADED BY NAMIK YOLGA, TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW. OTHER MEMBERS REPORTEDLY INCLUDE: MEHMET GUNEY OF THE MFA; ALI RIZA TURMEN OF THE OTTAWA EMBASSY; SUHA UMAR, HEAD OF THE MFA LOS SECTION; PROFESSOR TUNCER GUVENC; CETIN AVUCAN OF THE TURKISH NAVY; AND MEHMET TOLAY AND MUHITTIN SENALP OF THE TURKISH PETROLEUM CORPORATION. COMMENT: PROFESSOR GUVENC APPLIED FOR A VISA AUGUST 24, THREE DAYS AFTER HE REPORTEDLY ARRIVED IN NEW YORK. HE SAID HE WAS RELUCTANT TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH THIS OWES IN PART TO THE DEATH OF A NEAR RELATIVE, THE PROFESSOR APPEARS TO HAVE LITTLE INTEREST IN THE CONFERENCE.

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END COMMENT.

2. IN A STATEMENT TO TERCUMAN, AMBASSADOR YOLGA INDICATED THAT THE TURKISH DELEGATION WOULD ADVOCATE APPLYING PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY TO THE REGIME OF ISLANDS, AS OPPOSED TO THE GREEK PROPOSAL THAT TERRITORIAL LIMITS IN THE AEGEAN BE EXTENDED TO 12 MILES (FROM ISLAND SHORES).

HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "TODAY EVERYONE ACCEPTS THAT
GENERAL RULES CANNOT BE APPLIED IN THE AEGEAN. SINCE
THE CARACAS MEETING, WE HAVE MADE MANY EFFORTS TO
CREATE ACCEPTANCE THAT THE TWELVE-MILE GENERAL RULE
SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED.... WHAT IS NECESSARY NOW IS
TO HAVE THIS CONSENSUS REFLECTED IN THE TEXT."

3. YOLGA ALSO SAID THAT METHODS OF USING THE SEAS
WILL BE ANOTHER IMPORTANT TOPIC OF THE CONFERENCE.
HE INDICATED THAT THIS HAS BEEN A SUBJECT OF DISPUTE
BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR SOME TIME, AND
THAT TURKEY SIDES WITH THE LATTER.
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